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PARAGRAPH 24, SECTION IV, OF REF DOES NOT ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE WITH THE BASIC DOCUMENT AC/35-WP/60/11, AC/284-WP/36, SPECIFICALLY, PARAGRAPH 23 OF ANNEX I AND PARAGRAPH 19 OF ANNEX II THERETO. ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD LIKE THE SECURITY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED REVISIONS.

A. ANNEX I TO AC/35-WP/60/11, AC/284-WP/36: QTE THIS SUPERVISION OF VISITORS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN ESCORT. ESCORTS ARE DULY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WHO HAVE APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES AND ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE HIGHEST LEVEL MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE SYSTEM AND ARE SUFFICIENTLY KNOWLEDGEABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF AND TO CONTROL THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCESS OF THE INDIVIDUALS ESCORTED. UNQTE.

RATIONALE: THE ADDITION MORE PRECISELY DEFINES THE METHOD
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FOR SECURITY SUPERVISION AND THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT

FOR ACCOMPLISHING THAT SUPERVISION BY SETTING FORTH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ESCORT(S). THIS REQUIREMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

CONTAINED IN THE SYSTEM AND TO MAINTAIN THE RELIABILITY OF THE HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE SECURITY FEATURES OF THE SYSTEM.

B. ANNEX II TO AC/35-WP/60/11, AC/284-WP/36.

PARAGRAPH 19. REDESIGNATE THE PRESENT SUBPARAGRAPH (C) AS SUB-PARAGRAPH (D) AND INSERT THE FOLLOWING AS SUB-PARAGRAPH (C):

QTE (C) DECLASSIFICATION OF MAGNETIC DISCS, DISC PACKS, DRUMS, AND OTHER SIMILAR RIGID MAGNETIC STORAGE DEVICES MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY OVERWRITE PROCEDURES. THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE CHECKED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE OVERWRITE PROCEDURE TO INSURE THAT MALFUNCTIONS DO NOT OCCUR WHICH MAY PREVENT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM BEING EFFECTIVELY OVERWRITTEN. THEREAFTER, ALL STORAGE LOCATIONS WILL BE OVERWRITTEN A MINIMUM OF THREE TIMES: ONCE WITH THE BINARY DIGIT QTE 1 UNQTE, ONCE WITH THE BINARY DIGIT QTE 0 UNQTE AND ONCE WITH A SINGLE NUMERIC, ALPHABETIC, OR SPECIAL CHARACTER. SUCH ALPHA-NUMERIC OR OTHER UNCLASSIFIED DATA SHALL BE LEFT ON THE DEVICE. THE CURRENT UTILIZED IN OVERWRITING MUST BE EQUAL TO THAT USED IN RECORDING THE INFORMATION, BUT OF A STRENGTH WHICH WILL NOT DAMAGE OR IMPAIR THE EQUIPMENT., FURTHER, WHEN THE CAPABILITY EXISTS, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE STORAGE SUBSYSTEM, AN AC/DC ERASE WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL DATA TRACKS AFTER THE TRACKS ARE OVERWRITTEN AND THE OVERWRITE VERIFIED. UNQTE.

RATIONALE: NO PROCEDURES ARE INCLUDED FOR THE DECLASSIFICATION OF OPERATIVE RIGID STORAGE DEVICES, ALTHOUGH PARAGRAPH 20 PROVIDES FOR THE DECLASSIFICATION OF RIGID STORAGE DEVICES THAT HAVE FAILED. THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH ABOVE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AS OUR STANDARD AND MAKE THE EXTRACTION OF RESIDUAL INFORMATION FROM SUCH DEVICES CONFIDENTIAL

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